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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Andrew Patron, et al.
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For : *PROTEIN EXPRESSION SYSTEM ARRAYS AND USE IN
BIOLOGICAL SCREENING*
Examiner : Wessendorf, Teresa D.
Art Unit : 1639

ELECTION AND RESPONSE

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request a two month extension of time in which to respond to the Restriction Requirement dated July 2, 2003 in which a 1 month shortened statutory period was set for response. Filed herewith is a Request for Extension of Time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) and the required fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required by this action to Deposit Account No. 16-1435.

In response to the Office Action mailed July 2, 2003, Applicant hereby elects Group IV, Claims 33-46, with traverse, for further prosecution in the above-identified application. Applicant traverses on the grounds that searching all of the claims would not prove unduly burdensome.

In addition, Applicants elect the following species for Group IV, with traverse:
(A) as the detection means -- characterization of binding of the components to proteins expressed from protein expression systems located at specific positions on the array (as disclosed in claim 36 and page 42 of the specification). Also, Applicants elect as a species of test compound -- s100 protein (as disclosed in claim 39 and on page 42 of the specification).

The Examiner further required Applicants elect a single species for prosecution on the merits. As a single species for prosecution on the merits, Applicants elect the detection means of claim 36 (characterization of binding of the components to proteins

expressed from protein expression systems located at specific positions on the array; disclosed on page 42 of the specification). Claims held to read on this species include claims 33-36, 39-46.



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Respectfully submitted,


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